



Community Standards Agreement

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All traditional undergraduate students of Hope International University are required to sign this Community Standard Agreement as part of their acceptance for enrollment. By signing this agreement, students commit to pursuing the challenge of living a life defined by a higher standard and dedicated to biblical principles that reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ.

OUR PURPOSE

Hope International University is a community in which individuals join to further their academic achievement, personal development, and spiritual growth. Together we seek to honor Christ by integrating faith, service, and learning while our hearts and lives exemplify mature Christian practice. Our desire is for students to be intellectually prepared to pursue a career where they can serve others, live out their faith, and impact the world for Christ. When individuals join Hope International University, they freely and willingly choose to take upon themselves the responsibilities outlined in this statement.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Hope International University provides many opportunities for students to grow in their walk with Jesus Christ. One way is through required attendance at Chapel services when the campus community comes together to worship the Lord and learn from His Word. In addition, students are required to participate in spiritual formation/small groups as a source of fellowship and peer support. As part of the general education curriculum requirements, students must complete courses in biblical foundations and Christian worldview. There are numerous other options for faith development such as Bible study groups, compassion outreach, and mission trips.

BIBLICAL EXPECTATIONS

Scripture teaches that certain attributes are available to all individuals through the Holy Spirit including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (*Galatians 5:22-23*). This "fruit of the Spirit" is to be sought, nurtured, and demonstrated in our relationships. In contrast to encouraging these positive attributes, scripture condemns such behavior as greed, jealousy, pride, lust, needless anger, an unforgiving spirit, harmful discrimination and prejudice based on race, disability, sex or socio-economic status. Scripture also prohibits certain behaviors such as gossip, backbiting, cheating, dishonesty, drunkenness, immodesty of dress, lying, occult practices, profanity, sexual promiscuity (*anything other than the biblical standard of sexual behavior, including adultery, and pre-marital sex*), theft, and vulgarity (*including crude language*).

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS

In addition to Biblical expectations, HIU students commit themselves to the following standards of behavior that serve the good of the individual as well as the total community. Because of the importance of trust in and responsibility to one another, violations of these standards are a serious breach of integrity and **will result in loss of scholarships and/or other corrective actions.**

initial In keeping with scriptural admonitions of submission to government authority, students are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state of California, and the nation.

initial Corporate worship, community building, and learning are essential for our community. Therefore, students are expected to attend Chapel. Regular attendance signals a mature response to our community goals.

initial Because of our concern for the worth and dignity of persons, students are expected to show respect for all people in society and on campus. Therefore, discrimination against others based on race, national origin, sex, disability or socio-economic status is not acceptable.

initial Students are expected to attend and to be involved in a local church of their choice on the Lord's Day (*the weekend Saturday/Sunday*).

initial Consideration of others and standards of respect and good taste are important to Hope International University. Therefore, all activities should be guided by this principle. Hence, any kind of demeaning gesture, threat of violence, or physical attack directed toward another person will not be tolerated. Vandalism of property is also not acceptable.

initial Students are to observe the demands of academic integrity, such as honesty and the citation of sources. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

initial Compliance with day-to-day policies and procedures listed in the Student Handbook is expected.

initial Hope International University is a residential community. We expect every student to live on campus unless they live at home with parents, are married, are at least 22 years of age, student is a parent/legal guardian caring for a dependent child, served in the military, or have another circumstance that does not meet previous criteria.

COVENANT

As a member of the Hope International University community, by my signature below I attest that I understand and willingly agree to comply with the Community Standard Agreement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Student ID# _____